

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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NOTIFICATION OF THE RECORDING OF A CHANGE

(PCT Rule 92bis.1 and
Administrative Instructions, Section 422)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

To:

MOLCHANOV, Sergei Petrovich
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FÉDÉRATION DE RUSSIE

Date of mailing (day/month/year) 13 September 2000 (13.09.00)	
Applicant's or agent's file reference	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
International application No. PCT/RU00/00040	International filing date (day/month/year) 07 February 2000 (07.02.00)

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International application No. PCT/RU00/00040	Applicant's or agent's file reference
International filing date (day/month/year) 07 February 2000 (07.02.00)	Priority date (day/month/year) 08 February 1999 (08.02.99)
Applicant KIRPICHNIKOV, Alexei Petrovich et al	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

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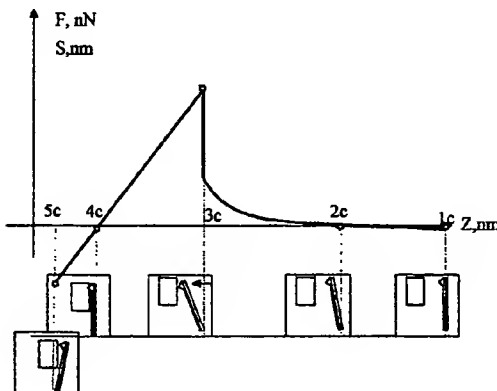
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(54) Title: METHOD OF INFORMATION COLLECTION AND PROCESSING OF SAMPLE'S SURFACE



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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 G01B7/34

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 G01B G01N

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

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2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

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6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

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☐ None of the figures.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 G01B7/34

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 G01B G01N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

☒ the international application as originally filed.

☐ the description:
pages

☐ the description, pages _____, as originally filed,
pages _____, filed with the demand,
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

☐ the claims, Nos. _____, as originally filed,
Nos. _____, as amended under Article 19,
Nos. _____, filed with the demand,
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Nos. _____, filed with the letter of _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____, as originally filed,
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2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, Nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 -30	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims	1 -30	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims	1 -30	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

The following documents cited in Search report were taken into account:

D1 - US 5723982; D2 - US 5553487; D3 - US 5477732; D4 - US 5289004; D5 - US 5266801

D1 discloses a device for realizing the method of the analysis of thin film parameters, characterizing its relief, film surface properties and some properties of its surface layers in the multiplicity of predetermined points of control by a cantilever with a probe fixed on its moveable end for the measurement of surface roughness and volt-ampere characteristics in predetermined points of control, and by functional blocks for storage and reflection of data received (col. 5-9).

D2 discloses a method of sample surface's information collection and processing, in particular, the friction parameters, by atomic force microscopy, consisting in successive reading of the points of force curve in predetermined control point within the process of forward and reverse movement of a probe which is fixed on moveable end of cantilever; the initial probe position with respect to the sample's surface is determined (col.9-15).

D3 discloses a method of measurement of sample's surface layers adhesion by measuring probe fixed on the cantilever (col.6-13).

D4 discloses a sample's scanning microscope using an effect of light reflection from sample's surface including a cantilever with measuring probe (co.4-14).

D5 discloses an atomic microscope for measuring surface properties of the sample, including a probe and tenso detector for measuring cantilever's bend (col.6-10).

A method of information collection and processing of sample's surface described in D2 is considered to be the closest prior art. The claimed invention differs from known by that the information is collected in the multiplicity of predetermined points of surface under control; derivatives from cantilever's deviation force of coordinate of its fixed end are determined at least in points of control of force curve; properties of its surface layers are determined; sample's parameters are determined by derivatives from cantilever's deviation force of coordinate of its fixed end in appropriate points of control. Hence claims 1-30 are novel.

From D1 it is known that the information about the sample's surface is read in the multiplicity of predetermined points of control; the sample's parameters characterizing some properties of surface layers are determined.

But from D1-D5 it is not known the determination of necessary sample surface's parameters on the base of the force curve data, taken in the multiplicity of points of control of the surface involved; and these features are not obvious.

So the independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2-30 involve an inventive step.

Claims 1-30 are industrially applicable.